

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the "enablement" requirement. The Office Action states that the specification does not disclose the claim features which describe the process of: (1) how IP ATM cells/packets are directed and switched to a "circuit switch"; and (2) how the circuit switch handles/processes [sic] the IP ATM cells/packets.

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. In sum, the present claimed inventions are directed at a communications switch and/or methods that route IP traffic to a circuit switch fabric or a packet switch fabric depending on an ATM service category of the IP traffic.

The claimed inventions are not concerned with the particular technique used to convert IP traffic to circuit switch traffic as is suggested by the Examiner.

Instead, it is the routing of traffic based on an ATM service category which is the feature of the present invention. The term "routing" originally appeared in dependent claims but not in the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the independent claims to include the term "routing" instead of switching.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new search is required, and, therefore requests entry of these claim amendments and allowance of claims 1-27.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

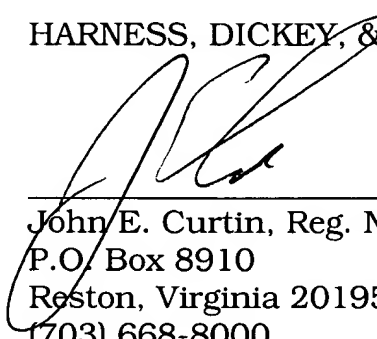
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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